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TO: ALL COMMISSIONED D.P.S. PERSONNEL

SUBJECT: REMINDER/LEGAL UPDATE – ARREST WARRANTS

Officers are reminded that territorial limits contained in any type of arrest warrant will be strictly adhered to. Magistrate Rule 6-206 (arrest warrants) and Rule 6-207 (bench warrants) indicate "...the warrant may limit the jurisdiction in which it may be executed..."

If a warrant issued pursuant to one of these rules is encountered and contains a statement of territorial limitation such as "...within XYZ county only..." or "...surrounding counties only...", then an arrest will only be made **within** the stated jurisdiction.

If the language is vague or any confusion exists as to the territorial restriction contained in any warrant, attempts will be made to contact the issuing court, entering agency, supervisor, or DPS Office of Legal Affairs for clarification before an arrest is made.

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